

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A fuse comprising:
a fuse element including
a pair of flat plate terminal portions arranged in parallel,
a fusible portion provided between inner edges of said flat plate terminal portions; and
an insulating housing into which said fuse element is inserted so as to cover said inner edges and upper edges of said flat plate terminal portions and said fusible portion, said insulating housing including
a pair of housing bodies mutually connected at upper ends thereof so as to form a upper wall portion of said insulating housing,
a slit opening formed at a lower end of said insulating housing, and
a flap which is integrally formed at one side edge of said slit opening through a thin-walled hinge so as to be rotatable;
wherein a distal end edge of said flap is joined to another side edge of said slit opening.
2. (withdrawn): A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by welding.

3. (original): A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by at least one locking pawl.

4. (withdrawn): A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by a pair of locking pawls.

5. (previously presented): A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flat plate terminal portions are adapted to be mounted to a member.

6. (new): A fuse as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one locking pawl is formed on the flap.

7. (new): A fuse comprising:

a fuse element comprising:

a pair of flat plate terminal portions;

a fusible portion provided between inner edges of the flat plate terminal portions; and

an insulating housing into which the fuse element is inserted so as to cover upper edges and the inner edges of the flat plate terminal portions and the fusible portion, the insulating housing comprising:

an upper wall portion covering the upper edges of the flat plate terminal portions;

a slit opening formed at a lower end of the insulating housing; and

a flap comprising a first end which is integrally formed at a first edge of

the slit opening so as to be rotatable;

wherein a second end of the flap, opposite the first end of the flap, is joined to a second edge of said slit opening, opposite the first edge of the slit opening.

8. (new): The fuse as set forth in claim 7, wherein the upper wall portion of the insulating housing is formed by a pair of housing bodies connected at upper ends of the housing bodies.

9. (new): The fuse as set forth in claim 7 wherein the second end of the flap is joined to the second edge of the slit opening by at least one locking pawl.

10. (new): The fuse as set forth in claim 9, wherein the at least one locking pawl is formed on the flap.